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Field III WORDING OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Point 5
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A protective device for a bicycle is proposed, which can be deactivated by a switch (1), the state of the switch (1) being on the one hand capable of being evaluated by a processor in a control unit (4) and on the other hand by an independent hardware path. The independent hardware path has at least one logical subassembly, which allows for a high flexibility in setting delay times.